

# 279TH BASE SUPPORT BATTALION

## COMMANDER'S POLICY

**POLICY NUMBER:** 01-15

**DATE:** 31 July 2003

**SUBJECT:** Family Child Care Homes

**PROPONENT:** DCA, FSD, CDS (469-1550/1770)

**DISTRIBUTION:** A, B & C

**PURPOSE:** Establish standards for Family Child Care (FCC) Homes in the Bamberg German/American Military Community.

**SCOPE:** Applies to all Family Child Care providers.


**REFERENCES:** AR 608-10, Child Development Services

### DEFINITION:

Family Child Care: Use of government quarters or government leased quarters for the purpose of providing approved childcare to one or more children for more than ten hours per week. Those eligible are children, ages four weeks through twelve years, whose parents or legal guardians are soldiers and/or Department of the Army Civilians.

### POLICY:

1. The Department of the Army has directed Child and Youth Services (CYS) offices to implement and monitor Family Child Care (FCC) programs to ensure that appropriate standards for child health, nutrition, safety and sanitation are maintained. Recent directives and regulatory guidance prohibit the use of family quarters as FCC homes without prior approval and certification from the BSB Commander. Certification is required to operate a FCC home in the Bamberg Community and may be obtained through the Bamberg CYS office.
2. While official FCC service is permitted in the government quarters, this authorization does not extend to the "de facto" nurseries operating under circumstances different than those mentioned in the definition above. Using government quarters, or government leased quarters, to conduct a childcare or nursery business that has not received approval and certification from the Bamberg CYS Coordinator is prohibited.
3. "Maximum Support - It Shall Be Done!"

  
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